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Grand Teton National Park News Release

Fire Management Plan Environmental Assessment Available For Public Review

Superintendent Mary Gibson Scott announced today that an environmental assessment (EA) on Grand Teton National Park's Fire Management Plan is available for public review and comment. The document is posted on the park's website at www.nps.gov/grte/plans/planning.htm. Comments will be accepted through November 3, 2004.

Three EA alternatives were developed for the Fire Management Plan through an internal and external scoping process. The EA incorporates data from several sources including the Federal Fire Policy, park program goals and objectives, research and monitoring strategies, and experience from the current fire management program. The alternatives include: Alternative A – No-Action; Alternative B – Multiple Strategies and Adaptive Management (the preferred alternative); and Alternative C – Fewer Strategies (no prescribed fire) and Adaptive Management.

Proposed revisions to the park's current Fire Management Plan include: 1) integrating the previously separate Hazard Fuels Management Plan; 2) modifying existing fire management unit boundaries and corresponding management strategies; 3) expanding wildland fire use; 4) adopting a process of adaptive management decision-making to select, develop, implement, and monitor planned events, and determine appropriate management strategies for unplanned events; 5) defining current and desired future conditions for wildland-urban interface areas, and all park vegetation types, within an adaptive framework that provides for modifying these conditions as new information becomes available.

A public Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2004 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Jackson Hole Middle School Commons. Park staff will be available at the Open House to provide information and answer questions on the environmental analysis conducted regarding the three Fire Management Plan alternatives. Interested individuals may wish to take the opportunity to make written and verbal comments while at the Open House. Comments may also be emailed to GRTE_planning@nps.gov, or mailed to Superintendent, Attn: Fire Management Plan EA, Grand Teton National Park, PO Drawer 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012.

Copies are available at the Moose Visitor Center and at the Reference Desk in the Teton County Library or available upon request. For further information, please contact Grand Teton National Park's planning office at (307)739-3390.

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